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SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES,
OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 29, 1976

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1. MISSION WISHES TO NOMINATE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT
PROGRAM CLAUDE-GEORGES DUCRET, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICER,
UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, PALAIS
DES NATIONS, GENEVA.

2. SINCE BEGINNING OF 1972, DUCRET HAS BEEN ONE OF MEMBERS
OF ECE SECRETARIAT PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF PROGRAM OF WORK OF SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS
ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (SAEP). SAEP IS ONE OF THE
PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF ECE, WHOSE AIM IS STRENGTHENING
OF EAST-WEST COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF COMMON
INTEREST INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WHICH IS
DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MULTILATERAL
PROVISIONS OF FINAL ACT OF CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
COOPERATION IN EUROPE IN THESE FIELDS. SAEP IS
CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN WORK ON BROAD SCOPE OF TOPICS
INCLUDING TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION, RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, WATER QUESTIONS,
LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, NATURAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT, AND LOW OR NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY.

3. DUCRET'S MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE BEEN ORIENTED
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TOWARD (A) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

AND (B) PROTECTION OF LARGE WATER BODIES, PARTICULARLY THE MEDITERRANEAN AND BALTIC SEAS. HE HAS CARRIED OUT SEVERAL STUDIES IN FIRST FIELD (SEE BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOLLOWING) AND WAS DEEPLY ENGAGED IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP) AND INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS IN SETTING UP THE COORDINATED MEDITERRANEAN POLLUTION RESEARCH AND MONITORING PROGRAM. HE IS REGARDED AS ONE OF MOST COMPETENT AND PROMISING MEMBERS OF ECE SECRETARIAT.

4. BIO DATA FOLLOWS:

PERSONAL:

NAME: DUCRET, CLAUDE-GEORGES

AGE: 34

NATIONALITY: SWISS

PRIVATE ADDRESS: LA CITADELLE, CH-1249 RUSSIN, SWITZERLAND

STATUS: MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN

LANGUAGES: FRENCH (MOTHER TONGUE), ENGLISH(VERY FLUENT),

GERMAN (VERY FLUENT), SPANISH (KNOWLEDGE)

OCCUPATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICER AT THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, PALAIS DES NATIONS, 1211 GENEVA (UN GRADE: P-3)

EDUCATION:

-B.SC AND M.SC IN BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

-PH.D IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

-POST-GRADUATE STAYS AT UPPSALA UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN, IN MACRO-MOLECULAR BIOCHEMISTRY AND AT COLD SPRING HARBOR, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, USA, IN MOLECULAR CYTEGENETICS (UNDER J. WATSON, NOBEL PRIZE WINNER). VISITING SCIENTIST AT LAVAL UNIVERSITY, QUEBEC,CANADA

MAJOR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM:

-VARIOUS STUDIES MOSTLY FOR THE SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF ENERGY AND OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVES

-ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CO-ORDINATED MEDITERRANEAN POLLUTION MONITORING AND RESEARCH PROGRAMME UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNEP KUN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME) INCLUDING VISITS TO AND DISCUSSIONS WITH SCIENTISTS IN ABOUT 50 OCEANOGRAPHIC UNCLASSIFIED

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LABORATORIES IN 16 MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL COUNTRIES AND ATTENDANCE AT SEVERAL SCIENTIFIC AND POLITICAL MEETINGS ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

-ATTENDANCE AT SEVERAL OTHER POLITICAL AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

-UNDP EXPERT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROJECT "PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT ALONG THE YUGOSLAV ADRIATIC COAST", RIJEKA AND BELGRADE, 1971

OTHER RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- STANDING LECTURER SINCE 1974 IN ENVIRONMENT AT THE UNIVERSITE DES SCIENCES SOCIALES DE GRENOBLE, FRANCE
- LECTURER AT THE OXFORD SUMMER SCHOOL ON "ASPECTS OF ENERGY CONVERSION", OXFORD, UK 1975
- VARIOUS SEMINARS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA, AT CERN
- INTERMITTENT RESEARCH WORK IN BACTERIOLOGY IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, LAVAL UNIVERSITY, QUEBEC, CAN.
- OCCASIONAL PARTICIPATION IN TV AND BROADCASTING EMISSIONS ON LIFE SCIENCES, NATURE CONSERVATIONS, ETC. FOR THE SWISS BROADCASTING CORPORATION
- OCCASIONAL REVIEWS OF BOOKS FOR THE PERIODICAL "ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION"

STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS (SINCE 1974):

- STUDY ON THE PRODUCTION OF WASTE HEAT IN THERMAL POWER PLANTS, OF ITS POSSIBLE IMPACT UPON THE ENVIRONMENT AND OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF ITS ECONOMIC USE. ECE DOCUMENT ENV/R.11/REV.1 (1974)
- ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF THE ECONOMY OF BASIC PRODUCTS AND ENERGY. ECE DOCUMENT EC.AD.(XI)/R.3/ADD.2 (1974)
- STUDY ON THE CONSTRAINTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN LONG-TERM PLANNING TO AVOID FUTURE MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM ENERGY PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION. ECE DOCUMENT ENV/R.43 (1975)
- ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF ENERGY PRODUCTION AND USE, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO NEW TECHNOLOGIES. ECE DOCUMENT ENV/R.43 (1975)
- DIRECTORY OF MEDITERRANEAN MARINE RESEARCH CENTRES, UNEP, GENEVA 1976)
- "PHAGE CONVERSION BY R-17 IN ESCHERICHIA COLI" (IN COLLABORATION WITH W.A. ANDERSON) PRESENTED TO THE CANADIAN CONFEDERATION OF BIOLOGICAL SOCIETIES (1976)
- "ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF ENERGY CONVERSION AND USE" IN ASPECTS UNCLASSIFIED

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